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HELP FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS

London, Jan. 29.
The Government agreed in the House of Commons today that means should be devised to secure to unmarried mothers in the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Poland and other countries, financial assistance from foreign soldiers who were the fathers of their children.

The Government were studying whether international agreements, bilateral or multilateral, would be a suitable method of dealing with this matter, said Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

There were a number of difficulties to be overcome, and the British Government could not, at the moment, express an opinion on this point.

Reginald Sorensen (Labour) had asked whether any attempt would be made to assist these women by international agreement or otherwise, and whether, "in view of the need for relieving distress and implementing moral responsibility of paternity," the Government would encourage multilateral action by unilateral example?—*Reuter.*

Hollywood's Insomnia Girl

Hollywood, Jan. 30.
Eight amateur painters, led by film stars Edward G. Robinson, Edgar Bergen and Hoagy Carmichael, recently named voluptuous starlet Marian Carr as their "Insomnia girl."

Her beauty, they said, was enough to "keep a man awake at night." And they all submitted original portraits of Miss Carr—in a transparent blue negligee—to prove their point.

Prize canvas was turned out by comedian Peter Lind Hayes, who painted the blonde Miss

Kidnapped Briton Had Tough Time

Jerusalem, Jan. 30.
Major H.A.L. Collins, British banker, released by the Jewish underground during the night, was reported to be in a "fairly serious" condition today from the effects of his three-day captivity.

Collins refused to give an account of his experiences to newsmen who saw him briefly outside the Haddasah Hospital where he was set free by the underground shortly before midnight. The police said he could not be disturbed in his hospital room for 24 hours.

The elderly banker said: "I fought it out and made it." He was found standing in the rain outside the hospital, dazed and with bandages on one arm and on his head. He talked incoherently. His remarks to the police indicated he had been drugged for about six hours before his release and remembered nothing what happened then.

Collins told newsmen: "I was maltreated and am in a bad condition, but I am in no position to make a statement. Just take me home." Two policemen at his side prevented further conversation.

He appeared nearly unconscious when he reached the hospital.

Held In Cave

The Irgun had advised the British authorities that Collins would be freed on the road outside Jerusalem, but apparently there were so many British troops in the area that the gang was unwilling to risk releasing him there.

Collins told the police he was

CHINESE PLANES GROUNDED

Second Occasion Within A Month

Sequel To Hankow Disaster

PALACE BOMB ALARM

London, Jan. 30.
Police and officials last night searched Buckingham Palace, the King's London residence, after receiving a telephone message from a man who shouted: "Clear Buckingham Palace because bombs have been placed there to go off on Saturday."

Nothing suspicious was found but extra guards were posted as a precaution. The phone call, which was traced to a street kiosk, was received just before midnight. —*Reuter.*

Fed Up With Talk

Lake Success, N.Y., Jan. 29.

M. Henri Hauck, of France, rapporteur of the United Nations Social Commission, interrupted the Commission's debate today to exclaim: "I resign!"

Amid stunned silence, M. Hauck walked out to the delegates' lounge.

After 14 meetings the Commission has accomplished nothing and had reached no conclusion. It is scheduled to complete its work by Saturday, which means that M. Hauck's report should be ready by Friday at the latest.

Today, the Commission was debating a series of amendments when M. Hauck rose to observe heatedly: "It is impossible for the rapporteur to make a report when there is nothing to report and the Commission is continually deferring its decisions."

He announced his resignation and walked out.—*Reuter.*

Carr with an aspirin for a face and sleeping pills and alarm clocks in her hands.

Other would-be whistlers included director Norman MacLeod, cowboy star James Warren, actor Michael Dunne and Disney artist Ross Shattuck.—*United Press.*

Shanghai, Jan. 30.
The Ministry of Communications has ordered the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation to suspend passenger services indefinitely, following the latest crash which reportedly killed 25 persons, (including the American pilot Captain John Papajik) bringing the total death toll since the triple crashes in Shanghai on Christmas Day to 145 killed.

The fate of 19 others, including the pilot, Captain Jack M. Blackmore of Los Angeles, on another CNAC plane from Canton to Chungking, missing since last Saturday, is still unknown.

The CNAC Head Office here insists that they still do not have first-hand information regarding casualties in the latest crash at Tienmen, Hupeh, approximately 90 miles west of Hankow. They say the Tienmen magistrate's report to the Hankow office merely mentioned that one foreign missionary was severely injured and hospitalized.

An earlier report mentioned several survivors. Until the Piper Cub makes a landing at the scene of the crash, company officials said they are still "hoping for the best."

Central News from Hankow, however, claims that the Tienmen magistrate has reported to the Hupeh provincial Government in Hankow that 25 were killed and one foreign missionary, whose name and nationality were not mentioned, was severely injured.

A Chinese infant, whose name did not appear on the passenger list and who is the 27th passenger on the ill-fated plane, is not accounted for.

The Central News report said the plane crashed on flat ground near a river and was immediately enveloped in a fire which was extinguished by the country people.

Second "Grounding"

The Ministry of Communications has ordered the grounding of Chinese airliners for the second time within a month.

The first grounding order

SHIP'S S.O.S.

Manila, Jan. 30.

The Radio Corporation of America office in Manila reported picking up at 6:53 a.m. an SOS distress signal "Steamship Jalaputra aground off Prepara Island. May have to abandon. Signed, Munster." Prepara Island is in the Bay of Bengal.—*United Press.*

followed the CNAC crash in Teingtao (in which 42 were killed, including an American pilot, E.D. Sharkey) and suspended passenger services for a week.

Circles close to aviation personnel claimed that, if anything, has been done during that period to improve safety margin. It is pointed out that none of the recommendations for safety measures suggested by CNAC American and Chinese flight crews and endorsed by the CATC chief pilot have been adopted.

The current grounding does not affect air mail service.—*United Press.*

Child Survivor

Shanghai, Jan. 30.

The Piper Cub rescue plane landed on the scene of the CNAC crash 90 miles from Hankow, today and reported that only one child survived the disaster. It was authoritatively learned today.

The child was sent to hospital and it had not yet been determined if the child was foreign or Chinese.

Up to this afternoon there was no trace yet of the Canton to Chungking plane which has been missing since Jan. 25 in the Chungking area. Hope for the 10 passengers and crew members, including Jack M. Blackmore, pilot, has been virtually abandoned.

The Piper Cub rushed to Hankow this morning on a CNAC plane made a landing

within limited clearance with medical supplies. Due to poor communications details were not yet available.

Two American children—Paul Vick, 10 months old, and Theodore Vick, three years—were known to be aboard with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roberta Vick. There also were three Canadian children—all boys—who were en route to join Mr. Frank Herbert Miller from Alberta. Their names are: Philip Brian, Peter Murray and Paul Maxwell, aged three, five and seven years respectively. There also was one Chinese child.

It was not known which child survived.

Meanwhile almost 3,000 passengers on the waiting list were stranded as both the CNAC and CATC suspended passenger service in accordance with an order from the Ministry of Communications.

The Ministry has not yet announced what measures are to be taken to improve the safety margin of Chinese airways.—*United Press.*

New Anglo-Soviet Alliance?

London, Jan. 30.

An official informant said Britain expects Stalin will ask for a general military alliance to replace the Anglo-Soviet mutual assistance pact against Germany, and that there was no reason to believe he would be turned down.

The present mutual assistance pact which Stalin has said is "weakened" by reservations, provides for military cooperation between Britain and Russia only if either is attacked by Germany or one of her satellites. It is effective until 1962.

A general military alliance would not be limited to Germany or German satellites.

The Government source said Britain in principle, "wants full cooperation" with Russia and a general military alliance would in no way conflict with Britain's obligations to the United States.

The entire matter will be discussed by the Cabinet, as soon as Stalin clarifies his references to the "reservations" in the present treaty, the informant said.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, is reported to have asked Georgi Zarubin, the new Russian Ambassador to London, for such clarification.

Stalin has expressed "satisfaction" with Field Marshal Montgomery's explanation about an Anglo-American agreement to standardize certain military equipment to the United States pattern, the source said.

He added that the Chief of the British Imperial Staff had told Stalin in Moscow early in January that standardization resulted from lessons learned during the last war when a number of United States weapons were found to be better than the British equivalent.

Associated Press.

CANTON-SHUMCHUN PHONE

Canton, Jan. 30.
Long distance telephone communications were tested between Canton and the Kowloon border town of Shumchun today with success. The service is expected to be opened to the general public shortly.

Meanwhile, it is learned that negotiations between the Canton and Hong Kong authorities for opening of the long distance telephone service are still under way.—*Central News.*

HK Should Stay British

London, Jan. 30.
An article in the February issue of the "National Review," the Conservative monthly, urges the Government to make a definite declaration never to return Hong Kong and Kowloon to China.

"It seems imperative," the article said, "that the British Government should issue a statement to the effect that Hong Kong and Kowloon are and will remain British territories and that the Leased Territories will continue to be administered by the British until the expiration of the lease in 1997."

The article suggests that restrictions should be placed upon Chinese immigration into the Colony.—*Central News.*

Musso's Mistress Gets Sentence

Bordeaux, Jan. 29.
Thin tired-looking Magda Fontanges—who before the war claimed that she was Mussolini's friend—today denied the charge of "intelligence with the enemy" when she appeared before a military tribunal here.

She was dressed plainly in brown trousers and a beige jacket, with a blue scarf wrapped negligently about her neck. Her voice was faint as she denied that she was a member of the German secret service in France between 1940 and 1945.

The prosecution alleges that she was known as "Helene"—Agent 8608.

Magda Fontanges—the name by which she is best known—37 years old, her real name is Madeleine Cornabout. She told the court that she had sought protection from Germans in 1940 to escape "persecution" among the French. "I had been followed for years by my enemies," she said.

"Little Too Friendly"

The prosecution alleged that Fontanges made several missions as a German agent throughout France and Belgium before being dismissed by the Nazis in 1943. The dismissal was stated to have followed her refusal to travel to Italy "to check up on the reports that Mussolini and Count Ciano might be growing a little too friendly with the Allies."

"When the Germans turned her loose," the prosecutor stated, "the French imprisoned her." They arrested her at Nice from where she had been trying to enter Italy by arranging with Italian officials that anyone who had been as familiar with Mussolini as she should be admitted automatically.—*Reuter.*

15 Years Hard

Bordeaux, Jan. 30.
Magda Fontanges, 37-year-old former friend of Mussolini, was sentenced by a military court here today to 15 years' hard labour and confiscation of property for intelligence with the enemy.

She was also sentenced to "national indignity for life" and

Kleptomania Record

Paris, Jan. 30.
Ten tons of miscellaneous loot were seized by the police here this morning when they arrested Robert Eury, 40-year-old kleptomaniac, employed for 20 years by the French railroad.

The police needed six three-ton trucks to cart away Eury's hoard of plunder, patiently collected over a period of 15 years. Bicycles, typewriters, assorted heaps of scrap metal, several granite statues, a park bench, all for the left foot, and perhaps the world's largest collection of wigs—130 wigs—were among the choice items of the kleptomaniac's treasure trove confiscated by the police.—*Reuter.*

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BIG FREEZE-UP CONTINUES

London, Jan. 30.
Europe's coldest weather in 50 years brought real suffering to millions of persons today. Thousands in Britain had cold food because there was not enough gas pressure to cook. It had been cut drastically. Thousands more washed and shaved in hard cold water because there was not any heat.

International communications were interrupted as measures were taken in the greatest power reduction in history—exceeding any in the six years of war—to cut current to hundreds of business offices and public utilities.

Although Europe was short of almost everything, its greatest shortage was coal. And this shortage was aggravated by the cold wave. Frozen rivers, impassable roads and snow-covered railroad tracks slowed commerce and, consequently, slowed the movements of fuel.

Parts of London were blacked out periodically last night for the first time since the war to save electricity. Hurricane lamps were used instead. When the people turned up their gas burners to get warm, gas supplies were promptly cut. Temperatures ranged anywhere from five to 50 degrees Fahrenheit. And they were not much higher inside buildings than out. Most Londoners with only one fireplace and few logs spent little time sitting in their homes. They went to bed to keep warm and stories of the perennial English hot water bottle did not seem so funny.

Gas Warning
The United Press worldwide communication system was badly affected by the cut. Its London office was largely without power and its radio circuit to New York, South America and other farflung points went dead for two hours. Leased trunk lines connecting London

with the company's communication network in Europe and with Elre went out of service for a similar period.

The United Press listening post in suburban London suffered five power failures of 30 to 45 minutes before 1 p.m., interrupting the monitoring of foreign radio, an important source of international news.

The British Gas Council today warned everybody to make sure all gas taps were turned off if the gas were cut to avoid the danger of explosions. There was little optimism that supplies would be increased while the cold lasted.

John Dickinson and Company, the biggest paper mill in England, announced that unless more coal was forthcoming it would be forced to close within a week.

The gigantic Life and Tate sugar plant warned similarly earlier this week.

Grim Outlook
The power cut in London was 100 per cent and lasted one hour. Electricity officials warned that more could be expected. "The outlook for today is very grim, indeed," said one official. (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)

THE WEATHER

Anticyclones are located over Central and Eastern Europe. A depression, which deepens, is forming along the coast of the British Isles. Another trough is forming over N. China and E. Manchuria. Pressure remains low over the equatorial region.

Today's Forecast.—Forecasting N.E. to E. winds; weather improving temporarily but still rather cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather.—

Maximum: 61.2 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 54 deg. Fah.

Sunshine: Nil.

Rainfall: 9.3 mm. Total since Jan. 1—45.1 mm. as against an average of 30.5 mm.

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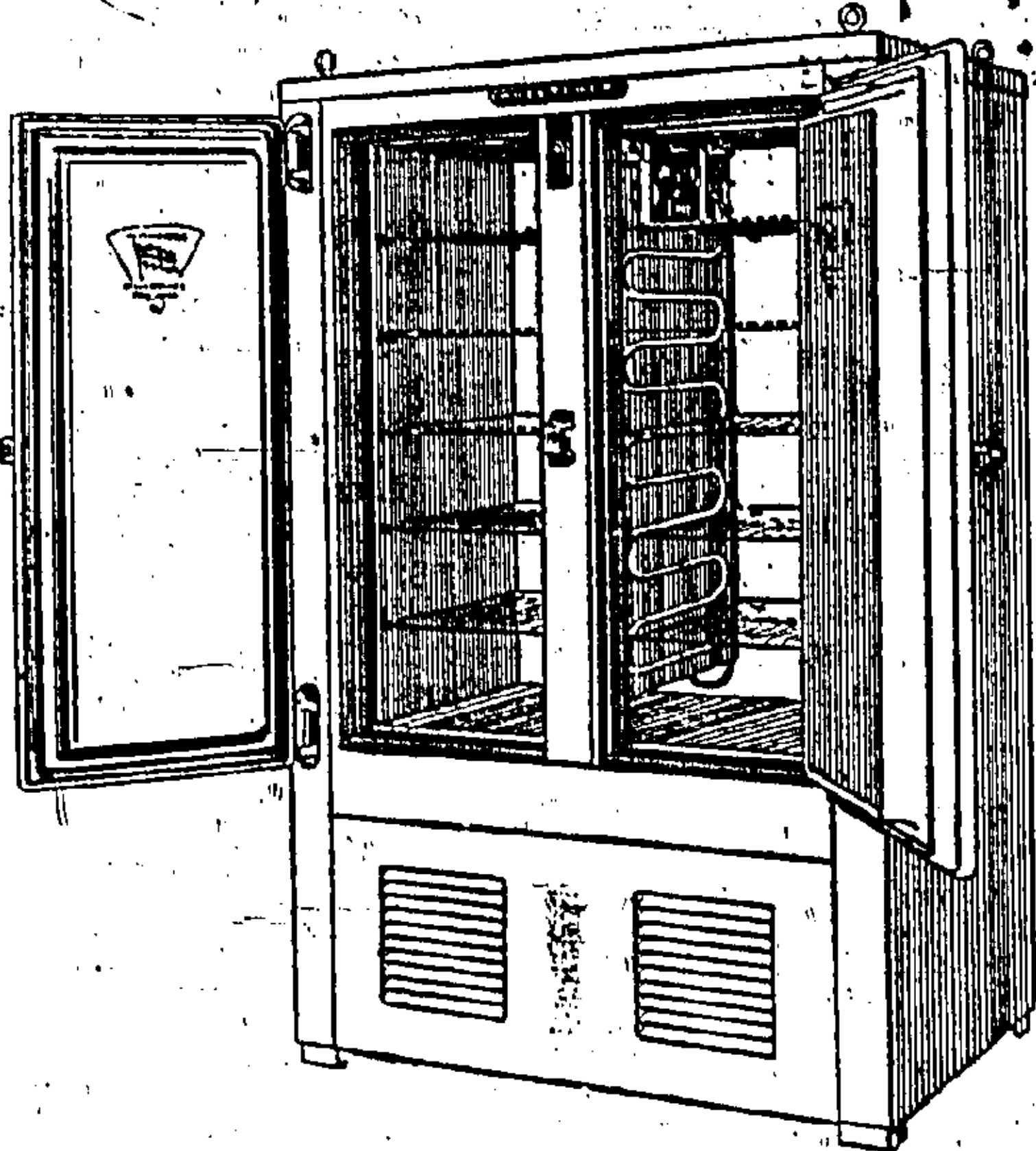
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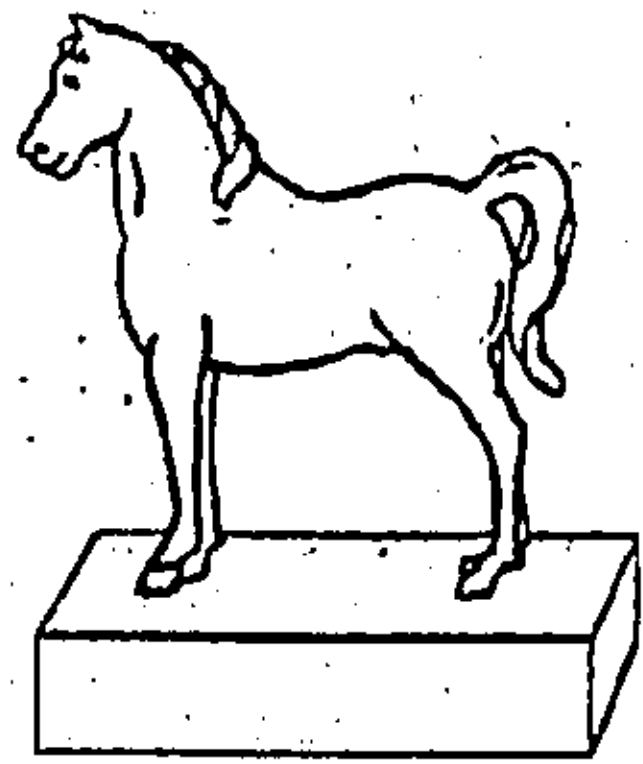
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Betting Tax Increase

A Bill to provide for an increase of the tax on sweepstakes from 15 to 25 per cent from February 7, 1947, was read for the first time in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the Bill, the Attorney General said it was to give effect to a recommendation of the Taxation Committee appointed by the Governor in September to consider the practicability of enhancing the rates of existing taxation.

Opportunity was also taken in the Bill to provide that in future any changes in the rate of duty payable may be effected by a resolution of Legislative Council, without the necessity of passing a new Bill.

He explained that Clause 3 provided that the Bill on enactment shall come into force on Feb. 7, the day before the next race meeting, for which sweepstakes tickets are being issued.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

Remission of Taxes

A Bill to provide for the remission of taxes, duties and fees to which consuls and consular officials may be subjected when payment of such monies is in conflict with the privileges of their office was read a first time in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the motion, the Attorney General said members were fully aware of the practice which has long existed whereby, by virtue of reciprocal agreement between the United Kingdom and the Governments of other states, privileges and exemptions are given to consular officers.

These arrangements are not uniform, and it is not possible to express definitely in the Bill before Council what such exemptions and privileges should be. They will correspond to what is accorded Britain by the nation of the particular consul. The Bill provides in wide terms that the Governor may direct that any tax, duty or fee payable by a consul or consular official may be remitted to the extent, and corresponding with the nature of the exemptions and privileges accorded by the country represented.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded the motion.

Former Kensa Sentenced

Convicted on six of the 10 charges against him under the 1940 Defence Regulations, Li Kwai-sang, former Kensa in the Japanese Gendarmerie, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour by Mr. Justice P. J. Gault at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

His Lordship said that he would have taken a more serious view if accused were not acquitted on charges which involve interrogation under torture.

While a member of the Japanese Gendarmerie in Un Long between July, 1944, and August, 1946, accused assisted the Japanese in the arrest of 11 Chinese suspects of being guerrillas or of having given aid to guerrillas. In his defence, accused denied all the Crown's allegations but admitted that he was with the party which went to arrest Cheung Muk-for.

FORMER M.P. IN HONG KONG

Acting in the interest of Skyways Ltd., a British Company operating Lancasters on chartered flights, Captain Henry Longhurst, former Conservative M.P. for Acton, has arrived in Hong Kong on a short visit of about a week before going to Shanghai.

Captain Longhurst has been a member of the staff of the "Evening News" and "Evening Standard" and is at present a contributor to the "Sunday Times".

Orders by Lt.-Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., commanding H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 4/47 dated 30th January, 1947:—

Claims for 1941 camp pay: Volunteers who have submitted claims for 1941 Camp Pay will be paid on Wednesday, February 5, at Headquarters.

Passengers leaving Hong Kong for Palestine should possess valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

THE PRINCIPAL TENANT

No Authority To Evict Sub-Tenant

"The public may not be aware that the principal tenant has no authority to evict a sub-tenant except through an order from the Tenancy Tribunal," said Inspector Moran at the Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada when prosecuting Tang Chuk, principal tenant of 34 D'Aguilar Street, second floor.

Evidence was given by the sub-tenant of the flat, cubic 4 ft. 6 in. by 10 ft. 6 in. by 8 ft. 6 in., which he had been paying only \$30. When he tendered the usual rent she refused. Defendant said that she wanted the room for her son who was about to be married. She gave witness notice in August but he would not leave. When he first rented the house there were only two persons and now there were 10. She wanted witness to give up the room.

Given permission to make some observations Inspector Moran said that defendant received \$67 in cash by sub-letting part of the flat. The value of the portion occupied by her was worth \$47 and so that in all she received \$114 where she only paid \$38. This was 180 per cent in excess of the rent, whereas she was only permitted to charge 20 per cent.

Defendant was fined \$350 on all three summonses.

She vigorously protested that she had no money to pay the fine whereupon Mr. d'Almada gave her the option of three months' imprisonment.

The fine was paid.

Increased Rent

For increasing the rent of 34 D'Aguilar Street, second floor, from \$30 to \$53, Li Yuk-ching, a widow, was yesterday morning fined \$500 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Inspector Moran said that defendant bought the house for \$40,000 and had mortgaged it for \$15,000. In November 1946 defendant wrote to her rent collector to increase the rent which he did.

Defendant said that the tenant agreed to pay the extra \$15. She had a son in Kowloon and another in Hong Kong and could find no place to live in. She knew that the principal tenant was making money by subletting the premises.

Mr. De Freitas Arrives

Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air, arrived at Kai Tak at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Saigon in a Royal Air Force "Dakota".

Mr. de Freitas, who is on a six-weeks' tour of RAF units in the Far East with the main object of enquiring into the accommodation and amenities provided for British airmen overseas, was accompanied by Wing-Commander Burnett, his personal air secretary, and Mr. John Millson, private secretary.

He was met on arrival by Air Commodore Webster, AOC Hong Kong; Group-Capt. Jones, Station Commander RAF Station, Kai Tak; Squadron-Leaders Lambert, Butler, Lloyd and Heinbuch; and Flying-Officer Bridge, personal assistant to the AOC.

A guard of honour was formed by airmen from RAF Station, Kai Tak. Today, Mr. de Freitas will inspect RAF Station, Kai Tak, and he is expected to leave tomorrow in a Royal Air Force "Sunderland" flying-boat for RAF Station, Iwakuni (Japan).

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Patients Return In New Guise

A convivial mahjong party at 198 Wanchai Road, ground floor, was brought to an abrupt conclusion, at about 10 o'clock last night when seven men, armed with revolvers and daggers, held up the players and lookers-on, and stripped them of not only their money and valuables, but also their new suits of clothing.

The loss of a pair of gold bangles, six gold rings and about \$100 in money was reported. The robbers made good their escape without any alarm being raised. The premises were occupied by a Chinese herbalist named Wong Tze-shan, and he recognized some of the robbers as patients who had called on him earlier in the day.

An order for the confiscation of 980 lb. butter and 456 lb. of "Kilm" milk powder, found on board the "Hiram" while she was in the harbour on Jan. 6 was granted by Mr. H. G. Skidmore, Central Magistracy, yesterday. There was no claimant.

Tokunaga Case Ending

The case for the defence at the trial of Colonel Tokunaga Isao, Captain (Dr.) Saito Shunkechi and three other members of the local POW Camps staff during the Japanese occupation, reached its concluding stages yesterday before No. 5 War Crimes Court.

An adjournment of one week was granted to enable the defence counsel, time to prepare their final addresses. Mr. Hasegawa, defence counsel for Saito, was also granted leave to call one more witness.

Yesterday's court session was taken up by the evidence of Major Ando Tadashi, formerly of the 10th Area Army in Formosa, who was called to explain a clause from the Japanese Army Internal Regulations dealing with Intendence organisation in the Japanese Army.

Mr. Hasegawa asked leave of the Court to introduce into the record an extract from the records of the Lisbon Maru Trial of the testimony of a witness named Evans.

Major G. B. Puddicombe, K.C., the Prosecuting Officer, protested against the introduction of this extract on the ground that witness could be called. The Court suggested that witness be called when it resumed its sitting on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.

Two applications by S/1 Askew for the confiscation of one Mauser pistol barrel, clip, and 38 automatic pistol magazine, and 92 rounds of .32 ammunition, found by the Police in the course of routine searches, were granted by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Indian Sent For Trial

Mohammed Asghar, charged under the Defence Regulations, was yesterday committed for trial by Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy.

Thakurdas Nymyal, silk store proprietor of No. 5 Bankow Road, said that he was arrested in June 1945. He was taken to Victoria gaol, interrogated and tortured. Accused was present but took no part.

J. S. Ramchandani, manager of the silk store owned by Thakurdas, said that accused came to his shop early in August 1945 and said that Thakurdas had been beaten by warders and wanted 5,000 yen for medical treatment. Witness said that he did not have that amount but offered 500, which accused took.

The forthcoming wedding of Alfred Brian Palmer, of CNRRA Water Transport and Living at 513 Magazine Gap Road, and Miss Rhoebe Truchoff, of California, is announced.

Readers' Letters

Nauseated

Sir,—The article "Officers Only" has left me with a very nauseating feeling, and a bad taste in my mouth. Therefore I would like the "Lady" in question, or any of her friends who are of the same opinion to express their views on British Servicemen through Readers' Letters, including their names and addresses if they so wish, so that I might detach the articles for publication in the British Home Press (with the Editor's permission).

My friends and I would like to thank the British Captain for his article.

ONE OF THE ROYALS.

The Police

Sir,—Your leading article on "Police Efficiency" reminds me of an incident in which I was concerned just before the war. The experience of the Commission, Kai Tak, Squadron-Leaders Lambert, Butler, Lloyd and Heinbuch; and Flying-Officer Bridge, personal assistant to the AOC.

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Sacred Duty Was To Obey Orders

At yesterday's War Crimes Trial of Lieut. Tamaki Koji, Sgt. Chiba Arashi and Sgt. Fujie Horoji, the third accused agreed that it was a sacred duty in the Japanese Army to obey orders and admitted that he failed in his sacred duty by disobeying orders and beating POWs.

Colonel Suzawa Hideo, a witness for the defence, said that it was one of his policies to ensure that when peace came, all POWs would be sent back safely to their mother country.

Resuming his testimony, Fujie said that there was a regulation against beating POWs. He was sorry to say that on two occasions he beat POWs and on another occasion made one of them do "push ups". He did not have any intention of ill-treating POWs, but was told to do so.

On another occasion, he was asked by Captain Grant to mete out severe punishment to a POW who had been suffering from malaria and refused to take quinine. Out of sympathy for the man, he did not place him in the detention cells.

Apart from these cases, Fujie said that he did not strike any other POW, nor did he see any Officer or NCO beat POWs.

Fujie said that after the termination of the war and Capt. Grant was due to be repatriated, the latter said: "Sgt. Fujie has done his best for the POWs." Capt. Grant also said: "Perhaps there will be war criminals, but Sgt. Fujie need not have to worry about anything." Fujie said that before he left, Capt. Grant shook hands with him.

On the application of Prosecution Counsel and with the permission of the Court, Fujie left the witness box to give a demonstration of the manner in which the POW whom he punished had performed the "push up".

Fujie said that he did not know it was the Japanese policy in Heito Camp to prevent POWs living a life of idleness. The convalescent in Camp were not employed, but were allowed to rest.

Fujie denied that he took upon himself the responsibility or duty of deciding whether or not a POW was sick. Fujie also denied that he was responsible for making sick and convalescent POWs do impossible tasks.

The first witness to be called for the defence, Colonel Suzawa Hideo, said that in August 1943 he was appointed Chief Camp Commandant of POW Camps in Formosa. There were six Camps throughout Formosa and No. 1 Branch Camp was at Heito. He visited this Camp eight times.

He had two main policies in regard to POWs. Firstly, the atmosphere inside Camps should be peaceful and there should be no feelings of enmity towards one another. The second main policy was to ensure that when peace came, all members of POW Camps would be sent back safely to their mother country.

Suzawa said that he took five steps to realise these two main policies and outlined these steps to the Court.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

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Kai Tak School In Full Swing

H.K. Wedding In Glasgow

London, Jan. 29.
A wedding of interest to the Hong Kong public was celebrated at the end of last month in the Memorial Chapel, Glasgow University, between Colin McEwan, of the Education Department, and Miss Betty McMillan, a graduate of Glasgow University. Mr. and Mrs. McEwan leave for Hong Kong at the end of the month.

Col. Ride, McEwan's commanding officer during the war, was best man and other Hong Kong people present were Francis Lee, MBE, M.M., and George Thompson.

A recent arrival in London is Lieut. David Ride, Col. Ride's son, who has been serving in Austria and Italy with the Gordon Highlanders.

Eddie Teasdale M.C., of the Hong Kong Government, has been holidaying in Switzerland.

Money Mart

Gold continued its rise yesterday, and touched \$329.25 a tael after opening at \$324.75. Trading was active, but towards the close the rate eased off somewhat to \$326.

Piastres were easier. Opening at \$14.55 per 100 the market weakened and the lowest point touched was \$14.25. At the close it was \$14.30.

Chinese National Currency was also easier, and rates closed at 60½ cents for futures and 73½ for spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars eased off slightly to \$1.39, and Sterling dropped further to \$15.10 buyers. Australian pounds had buyers at \$12.62.

Shai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 30.
The 9.30 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market today were as follows:

	Buying	Selling
CNS	CNS	CNS
Gold per ounce	394,000	396,000
U.S. Dollar	6,900	7,000
Hong Kong Dollar	1,320	1,370

HEALTH BILL

A Bill to amend the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance 1935 was read a first time in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Hon. Attorney General, introducing the Bill, said it merely provided for the repeal and substitution of paragraph 24 of section 4 (1) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance 1935. The object was to strengthen the provision which already existed for dealing with the reception and housing of bodies of the dead.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

The Bill to revive the Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance 1901 passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

The following list of names of those sending in donations for the children's New Year Party held last Saturday at Gun Club Hill football ground, organised by Nona Latimer with the help of the Commando Brigade, has been received:

The Maharaja of Jodhpur, Arthur Morse, M. K. Lo, Sir Robert Ho-lung, Ho Kam-tong, A. E. Arculli, Lawrence Kadoorie, G. P. de Martin, Mr. and Mrs. T. Loney, R. C. Lee, P. P. Franklyn, Mrs. Grace Lo, F. C. Barry, Marcus de Silva, J. M. d'Almada, Remedios and C. E. Terry.

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AND A ROSE GARDEN, AND VIOLETS!

AND TOMATOES, AND CORN AND RADISHES! I HAVE JUST THE CLOTHES FOR YOU!

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E. W. H. MAYNARD, Secretary, Urban Council, Hongkong, 28th January, 1947.

(By Margaret Bradbury)
Back in operation again on a nearly pre-war basis is Hong Kong's private flying instruction school which before the occupation attracted numerous young trainees in the Colony with a bent for aviation.

In an interview yesterday with Mr. F. W. Dudman, Manager of the Far East Flying Training School, which is centred at Kai Tak, I was told: "We opened up two months ago with three aeroplanes bought from the R.A.F. due to the difficulty of obtaining new aircraft. But we now have three more modern type of aircraft—'Ryan' two-seater training planes—on order from Australia for the School."

"At the moment our flying students are all Chinese and number fifteen. This is as many as we can tackle at this stage owing to the considerable amount of military flying around the airfield, when it cannot be used by us."

Future plans of the school are restricted owing to the uncertainty of the future of Kai Tak as the Colony's major airport. When a site is finally decided upon for a new airfield it is likely that Kai Tak will be closed.

Most of the lessons given to private fliers at the Training School are concerned with landing the aircraft.

In 15 Hours

Said Mr. Dudman: "The length of training is according to individual ability but on the whole we find that it takes only 15 hours flying time for students to qualify for their private licences. Trainees receive lessons lasting 20 minutes each in the air. They are allowed to solo after approximately eight hours flying with an instructor."

The first trip made by would-be pilots is a passenger flight when they are taken into the air and briefly shown how the aircraft works. Then follows a series of lessons in the air until the trainee becomes fairly proficient. He is then allowed to fly solo.

Mr. Dudman explained: "After 12 hours flying they are usually competent enough to do several consecutive flights on their own. When they have completed three hours solo flying and have been checked for faults by their instructor then they are recommended to the Government for a private pilot's test."

Training Centre

This test consists of landing on a strip within a certain distance of a picked spot with a dead engine from a height of 2,000 feet. They are also required to do a figure-eight turn within a specified distance of 500 yards without losing height.

Also attached to the flying school is an engineering training centre where young men—mainly Chinese—study for licensed aircraft engineer certificates. International laws stipulate that only the holders of certificates are entitled to sign documents relating to the aircraft. At the end of two years training and a graduation test they are recommended to the Government for a ground engineer's licence. At the moment there are 35 pupils at the school receiving instruction from four licensed engineers.

Within the next two days, the Far East Training School will begin meteorological flying. Every day one of the aircraft will go up to a height of 12,000 feet to take air observation of temperatures and cloud formation on behalf of the Colony's observatory. This was done before the war by the School.

Aviation Expert

The Training School was originally started in 1943 with five Avro cadet training aircraft. Pilots were civil licence holders and pupils mainly Chinese. It carried on until 1939 when the staff were gradually mobilised, but with the cooperation of the R.A.F. honorary instructors were employed until 1941. All of the school's aircraft were destroyed during the occupation.

Mr. Dudman, who organised the school from the beginning, is one of the oldest aviation experts in China. He arrived here in 1929 and has travelled all over China for the Far Eastern Aviation Company while selling aircraft to the Chinese Government.

Coins Found In Trousers

Found in possession of two gold coins picked up near the scene of the recent air crash, at Taitam Gap, Lionel Lopes, police constable, was yesterday fined \$250 or two months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

A.S.P. Wright-Neeth said that these detailed for duty in that area were searched after the crash. The coins were found in defendant's trousers.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, asked for leniency and said that he had been in the force for over a year. His conduct had been satisfactory.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Doreen Hill, M.W. Hankin, J. Paul Snyder and A.C. Meyer.

Peninsula Hotel departures:—L.B. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Henderson, Major J.P. Ward, and Capt. (Miss) Moriarty.

Arrivals from Shanghai yesterday by the ss. "Hanyang" included Messrs. B.G. Haines, D.H. Melton, G.H.W. Cobb, M.J. Gibson, L.E. Roberts, David Au, and W.L.E. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Moore, Mrs. T. Brown and Miss M.M. Poole.

Departures by the ss. "Wing Sang" yesterday included Mrs. W.S. Yau and Miss Chow Lee-chow for Kowloon; and Mrs. V. Bojoren and daughter and Messrs. J.F. Marshall, K.A. Sundaloff, E.B. Crimine, P.E. Widows, F.W. Barrett, E. Landow, A.P. Taylor-Gill, A.D. Anderson, W. Van Deuren and J. Gray for Shanghai.

Departures today by the ss. "Takung" included Miss M. Tarrington and Mr. S.G.E. Johnson for Singapore; and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Hemmatt and Mrs. G.

Hawkers' Appeal Rejected

Remarking that he could not say that the sentences were manifestly excessive or wrong in view of the circumstances of the case, Mr. Justice, Williams, Fuisne Judge, at the Court of Appeal yesterday rejected the joint appeal of 21 Chinese hawkers against an order issued by Magistrate Sainsbury for the confiscation of goods seized in a police raid.

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Following a police raid led by ASP Luscombe in Theatre Lane, the hawkers appeared before Mr. Sainsbury on Dec. 18 and were convicted. The Magistrate cautioned them and issued a confiscation order for their goods which the hawkers valued at \$6,895.

Mr. Lo submitted that if the sentence was not wrong, the Magistrate then had proceeded upon wrong principles or given undue weight to some of the facts by the police or that a wrong standard or principle was applied in the sentence or that the sentence was so excessive as to show that the Magistrate's discretion was not properly exercised.

Mr. Lo pleaded on behalf of the hawkers that many of them had borrowed capital to start their business and that the confiscation order was too severe. Originally valued at \$6,895, Mr. Lo said, these goods had since their conviction deteriorated in price and were worth only \$4,000.

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ARMY AIR CRASH

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It was announced today that two United States Army men in an Air Transport Command plane were killed on Sunday afternoon when the plane crashed one mile north of Palawan Army airfield.

The announcement said a board of Army Air Forces officers has been appointed to investigate the crash—United Press.

Statements have appeared in the Chinese press to the effect that the "Hong Kong Social Welfare Council's Free Schools" are permitted to re-open. The Hong Kong Social Welfare Council has the schools announced as operating under its name, said a statement issued yesterday over the signature of T. P. Ryan, Chairman, Hong Kong Social Welfare Council.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT Urban Council

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Lord Fraser's New Post

The appointment of Adm. Lord Fraser to be C-in-C, Portsmouth, in succession to Adm. Sir Geoffrey Layton, is to take effect from May 15.

Adm. Fraser is 58, a few months younger than Adm. Sir John Cunningham, the First Sea Lord. Naval opinion has for some time regarded Adm. Fraser as the next to fill that position. Adm. Cunningham is likely to remain First Sea Lord for a year or 18 months.

The post of C-in-C of a Home Port is normally regarded as a final appointment before retirement. In 1933, however, Adm. Sir John Fisher, late Lord Fisher, became First Sea Lord after having been C-in-C at Portsmouth.

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The Register of Members of the Union Waterboat Company Limited will be opened from Saturday, the 1st day of February 1947 to Friday, the 28th day of February 1947, both days inclusive, and immediately thereafter will be closed again for a period of one week from Saturday the 1st day of March 1947 to Friday the 7th day of March 1947, both days inclusive. During such period of one week when the Register of Members will be closed, it is the intention of the Company to offer to members AS THEN SHOWN ON SUCH REGISTER unissued shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$7—each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before Monday the 30th day of June 1947) so that each member of the Company shall be entitled to apply for and take up 4 new shares for every complete 5 issued shares then held by such member.

The General Managers will dispose of all unissued shares including those to be offered to members in the event of non-payment thereof by members on or before the 30th day of June 1947 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as they may decide.

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, forthwith on the opening of the Register present their transfers accompanied by the requisite share certificates together with the approval in writing of the Registrar of Companies for registration.

The present unissued capital of the Company consists of 32,617 shares of the nominal value of \$7 each.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1947.

PROTECTED PLACES (SAFETY) ORDINANCE 1946.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the instructions which were published in the Press on 21st and 23rd December, 1946 regarding Protected Places in HONG KONG and KOWLOON will come into effect on 1st FEBRUARY 1947.

On and after that date sentences on Protected Areas will open fire on persons found in the area who fail to halt when challenged and/or resist arrest.

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S. N. WEBSTER, Air Commodore, AIR OFFICER COMMANDING HONG KONG.

Combined Services H.Q. Hongkong, 27th January, 1947.

MASONIC HALL

The ceremony scheduled for Saturday, February 1st at 5.00 p.m. at Masonic Hall, Queen's Road, is unavoidably postponed to the 8th.

NOTICE

We have resumed our Practice of Public Accountants and Auditors at our pre-war address of Prince's Building, 1, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

T. A. MARTIN & CO., Incorporated Accountants.

Cymdethas Dewi Sant Hong Kong

A General Meeting of the Saint David's Society of Hong Kong is called for Monday February 3rd at 5.45 p.m. in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel. It is hoped that all Welsh men and women will make a special effort to attend.

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IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

Already there are signs that

ill-feeling is beginning to arise in

the United States as a result of

the Anglo-American loan. In

America, it is being suggested that

the British are running out on

their engagements. The first

criticism has come, not unnaturally,

from the perennially anti-

British "Chicago Tribune." The

"Tribune" asserts that the recent

Anglo-American agreement is

directly contrary to the terms of

the Anglo-American loan, in that

it constitutes "a restrictive business

practice in international

trade." In making this statement,

the "Tribune" is possibly deli-

berately confusing a perfectly

ordinary bulk purchase with a

discriminatory trade agreement.

The objection apparently arises

from the fact that the American

producer of meat will be shut out

of the English market; but there

is nothing in the Anglo-American

trade agreement which in any

way restricts the purchase of

meat from the United States by

Great Britain. For years it may

be noted, the United States has

followed a policy of banning

Argentine meat, ostensibly as a

precaution against foot-and-mouth

disease. Britain is still free to buy

meat from the United States if

he is prepared to pay the price.

But there is nothing in the terms

of the Anglo-American loan

agreement to prevent her from

buying in the cheapest market,

which happens at the moment to

be the Argentine. The "Tribune"

also accuses Britain of a further

breach of contract in her agree-

ment with Canada regarding the

purchase of wheat. In this case,

all that Britain has done is to

make a long-term agreement with

a producer country in order to

ensure her supplies at a stable

price over a period of years. But

a far greater controversy lies

ahead over the whole question of

Imperial Preference. Because

Great Britain has agreed to dis-

cuss a general reduction of "bar-

riers to international trade," some

Americans have jumped to the

conclusion that Imperial Prefer-

ence is to be swept away com-

pletely. It has been quite defini-

tely stated by the Prime Minister,

Mr. Attlee, that there will be no

question of "unilateral reduc-

tions" in tariff rates. And as Mr.

Churchill, speaking in the House

of Commons, pointed out: "It

would be a great surprise if a Re-

publican Congress were to em-

brace free trade so wholeheart-

edly, and promote such a casting

down of tariff walls of all kinds

as to call in question, even as

a matter of discussion, the com-

paratively small, modest prefer-

ence duties which have been built

up in the British Commonwealth

of Nations." Imperial Preference

was established in 1931 at the

LONDON LETTER

STAGGER CAMPAIGNS TO EASE THE CRUSH

Although Britain's coal crisis

is not quite ended, all the signs

point to what I had expected

would be the case—a nine days

wonder. The coal mines, as you

probably know, have just be-

come the property of the

miners and the British tax-

payer, and it is significant,

despite the labour shortage,

that there has been a sub-

stantial rise in coal production.

It is a general story of hard

work from every one of the

country's 1,600 pits. In Scot-

land, 80,000 miners are break-

ing all production records with

a daily output averaging nearly

100,000 tons; in Yorkshire out-

put has jumped to 130,000 tons;

with well over half a million

tons a week from the South

Wales coalfield. These figures

speak for themselves. True,

there were instances during

the holidays where factories

had to close because coal

stocks were not sufficient, but

emergency transport, such

as started the wheels turning

again. When discussing any

coal shortage it must not be

forgotten that the country is

now engaged on an all-out pro-

duction drive. Factories are

using more coal than formerly,

and the number of men in the

pits has been reduced by a

third in the last thirty years.

As I pointed out, however, bad

weather and transport diffi-

culties heightened the "crisis,"

which, it has been alleged in

some quarters, was exaggerated

by the enemies of national-

ization.

Off The Ration

Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell,

Minister of Fuel and Power,

hit upon a bright idea to help

the country through, especially

householders. He ordered thou-

sands of tons of logs, hoarded

throughout the war years, to

be released for "off the ration"

sale to the public. The logs,

obtained by the Ministry seven

years ago, are sawn-off ends

not suitable for anything but

burning and are price-controlled

at 5s. 6d. a hundredweight

—about half the price usually

charged by street vendors for

inferior quality logs. Supplies

are to be responsible for selling

the logs.

You will have realised by

this time that I'm a great sup-

porter of London's tube system

and the manner in which

hundreds of thousands of

people are dispersed during

the rush hours has always been

amazing to me. Now, to help

the Transport Ministry's cam-

paign to stagger hours of

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ed, are being conveyed by the

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ployers, chambers of commerce,

trade associations, trade unions,

and transport undertakings

will be represented.

It is just as well London has

such an excellent transport ser-

vice judging by the experience

of a recent traveller who shared

a taxi with several other pas-

sengers. It appears that the

taxi driver packed seven people

into the cab after meeting an

early morning train at Euston.

This driver had a couple of

fares for Charing Cross, two

for Victoria, one for the Air-

ways terminal, one for Chelsea,

and two for Paddington, where

the driver had obviously hoped

to pick up another load. He

received 5s. from his Charing

Cross fares, 5s. from his Victo-

ria passengers, 4s. from his

airways client, and 4s. from the

fare to Chelsea whom he refus-

ed to take further than the air-

ways terminal. This left the

Paddington passenger—possibly

another 4s.—and you can reckon

how much the driver made on

his mileage. Still, there's

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case!

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London, Jan. 29. The British South American Airways Aero York plane "Star Glimmer" left London today for Athens to pick up 22 Greek sailors, waiting to join their ship at Wellington, New Zealand.

The flight—probably the longest charter contract ever carried out—has been decided on to save the great cost of the ship remaining immobile.

—Reuter.

UNRRA To Get War Planes?

Washington, Jan. 29. Representative Ross Rizley said today that he planned to investigate charges that the War Assets Administration gave 27 military transport planes to UNRRA for shipment to Yugoslavia and China.

He told reporters he understood five aircraft were earmarked for Yugoslavia and 22 for China. He added that he did not know how many were actually delivered.

Republican leadership approved investigation of the surplus war property sales by the expenditures subcommittee, Rizley revealed.

He said the investigation would probably come before the House for formal approval next week.

Rizley also said he had heard that aircraft destined for China was to go to private syndicates rather than to the Chinese Government.—United Press.

Debate In House Of Lords

London, Jan. 29. Drawing attention to the contributions to be made by the United Kingdom and the Colonies to the solution of problems of Imperial defence, Lord Strabolgi, the Labour Peer, said in the House of Lords tonight that the real problem of Imperial defence was whether Britain could maintain a standing Army of one million men and a strong Navy.

He hoped there was no truth in the report that a large British Army would be stationed permanently in East Africa. Troops there, he said, would be stationed too far away from the possible danger areas to form a strategic reserve; each soldier would cost three times as much as if stationed in Great Britain.

He presumed that the Government in future would make much greater use of colonial troops.

Lord Trenchard, former Marshal of the Royal Air Force and one of its founders, thought that as a contribution to easing the manpower position in Britain, every man for all three services which were constantly overseas could be found in the Colonies.

He suggested that schools for preparing men should be started in places like Nigeria and Africa, adding: "Within two or three years you could get a million men or more."

He said it would also be good for the Colonies to have men trained as mechanics in radar and such work.

Battleships and battlecruisers, he thought, were a liability, and "aircraft carriers will not exist in the next war."

They could not exist at sea unless they had complete air superiority over the sea. All strategy depended on air strategy, he asserted.

Empire Pacific Fleet

Lord Gifford, Conservative, asked the Government to consider making the Colonies a generous allowance of vessels so that local training could begin. An Empire Pacific Fleet could be formed, and it would have a wonderful psychological effect among British people throughout the world.

Viscount Swinton, Conservative and former Air Minister, Minister of Civil Aviation and Minister-Resident in West Africa, said that while every one accepted the obvious truth that each Commonwealth Government must take its own decisions, cooperation was needed in the Commonwealth.

Constitutional limitations were no bar to effective co-operation. There should be a pool of knowledge and experience to which every Government and the Commonwealth should have the fullest access, and experts of the Commonwealth should work together in assessing that knowledge and experience.

Replying to the debate, Viscount Addison, the Dominions Secretary, said that most of these topics had been answered in the discussions on the formation of a Ministry of Defence.

The Government's aim was to ensure that the resources available for defence were laid out to the best advantage in the terms of manpower, equipment and weapons, and that the forces should have the most up-to-date equipment that British ingenuity could provide.

Less Than Million Men

Britain could not have an Army, Navy or Air Force of a size that the country was financially unable to support. He did not expect that the future regular strength of the Army need be one million men. It would be substantially less than that.

The disposition of the armed forces must be according to the advice of experts.

One aspect of the Colonial

man-power problem to which the Government were giving more attention than hitherto was the provision of food for Britain. Projects were being elaborated for making much fuller use of some parts of Africa for food production.—Reuter.

Austrian Treaty Held Up

London, Jan. 29. The Foreign Ministers' deputies today in a three-hour meeting failed to agree on any one article of the Austrian treaty.

The Soviet deputy, M. Gusev, rejected as far too general a proposal by General Mark Clark (United States) for an undertaking by Austria to abstain from any act which was likely, directly or indirectly, to affect her status of independence.

Gusev suggested that the American wording would allow the interpretation that a threat to Austrian independence might come from any quarter other than Germany.

Both Britain and France advocated provisions in the

BEVIN TOLD TO "SLOW DOWN"

London, Jan. 29. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is under constant medical observation because of a mild heart ailment resulting from high blood pressure, it was learned today.

A Government source said that "Mr. Bevin's condition is not regarded as serious," but that he was under doctors' orders to "slow down" and to rest at frequent intervals.—United Press.

French Note On Germany

Paris, Jan. 29. M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, told the French Cabinet today that France had prepared a third note on the German question, setting forth her views on the internationalisation of basic industries and mines in the Ruhr.

The publication of the note and its transmission to the Governments of Britain, the United States and Russia was imminent, M. Bidault said.

Two previous French notes to the other Big Four powers on the German problem, M. Bidault said, had been (1) the provisional organisation of Germany and (2) the organisation of Germany after the signing of the peace treaty.

M. Bidault also informed the Cabinet of the French views on the coming Big Four meeting in Moscow. He said that he would convey the final details at the Cabinet meeting next week.—Reuter.

treaty forbidding an *anschluss* between Germany and Austria and binding Austria not to undertake such a union.

The French deputy, M. Maurice Couve de Murville, argued that nothing in the United Nations Charter prevented voluntary renunciation of independence.—United Press.

Cooperation With U.S. "Unfriendly"

Washington, Jan. 29. The Soviet Chief of Staff, Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, told Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the British Chief of Staff, during the latter's visit to Moscow, that Russia considered British military cooperation with the United States to be "unfriendly," according to "Newsweek" magazine, which last week published reports—later denied by the Soviet news agency—of a Montgomery-Stalin conversation, wherein the Russian leader is said to have expressed doubts about the strength of the Anglo-Russia alliance.

The magazine said that Marshal Vasilevsky told Montgomery: "You have an alliance with us but another one with the United States. Your officers sit in Washington and Americans are in London, planning and scheming. We cannot regard this as a friendly act."

Field Marshal Montgomery, according to "Newsweek," said he was ready, right then and there, to sign an agreement for an exchange of British and Russian personnel on a reciprocity basis. Marshal Vasilevsky hedged and claimed that the language difference would make this impracticable.

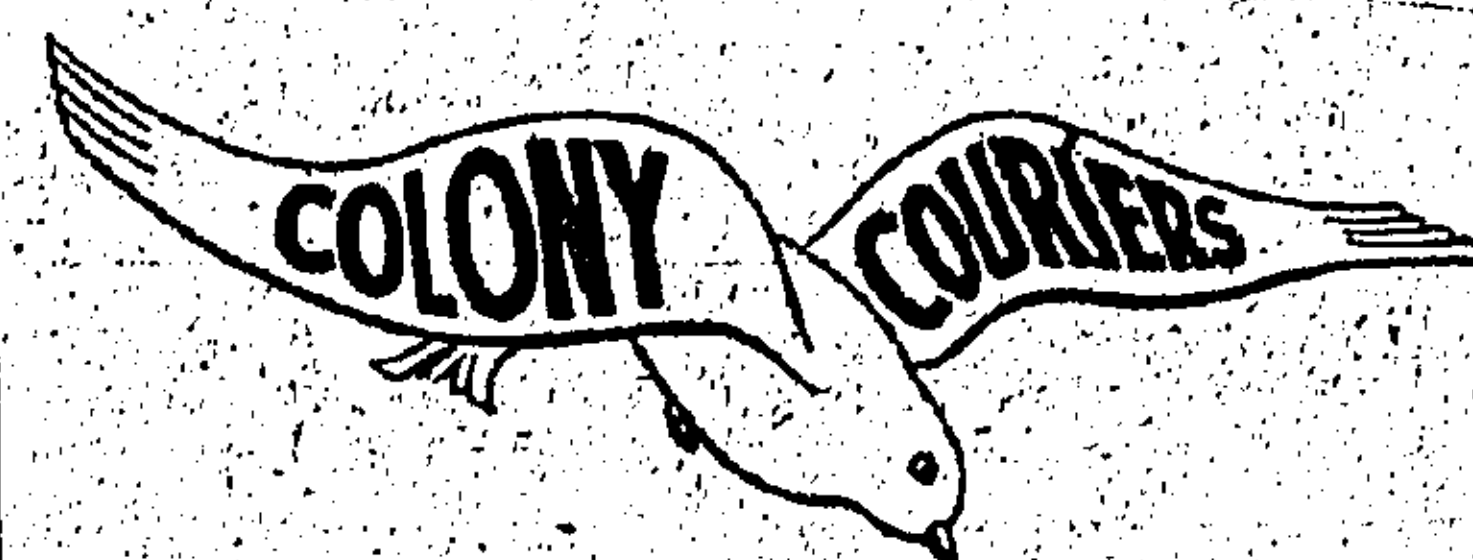
Field Marshal Montgomery, "Newsweek" added, replied: "I am ready to give our officers a course in Russian and your officers a course in English."—Reuter.

THE ROYAL TOUR

Portsmouth, Jan. 29. A self-contained Palace "flat" will be the floating home for the King and Queen for 17 days when they sail to South Africa in HMS "Vanguard," which will leave Portsmouth on the morning tide on Saturday.

The Royal apartments would normally be occupied by an admiral and his staff.

There are seven rooms with four bathrooms—one each for the King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.—Reuter.



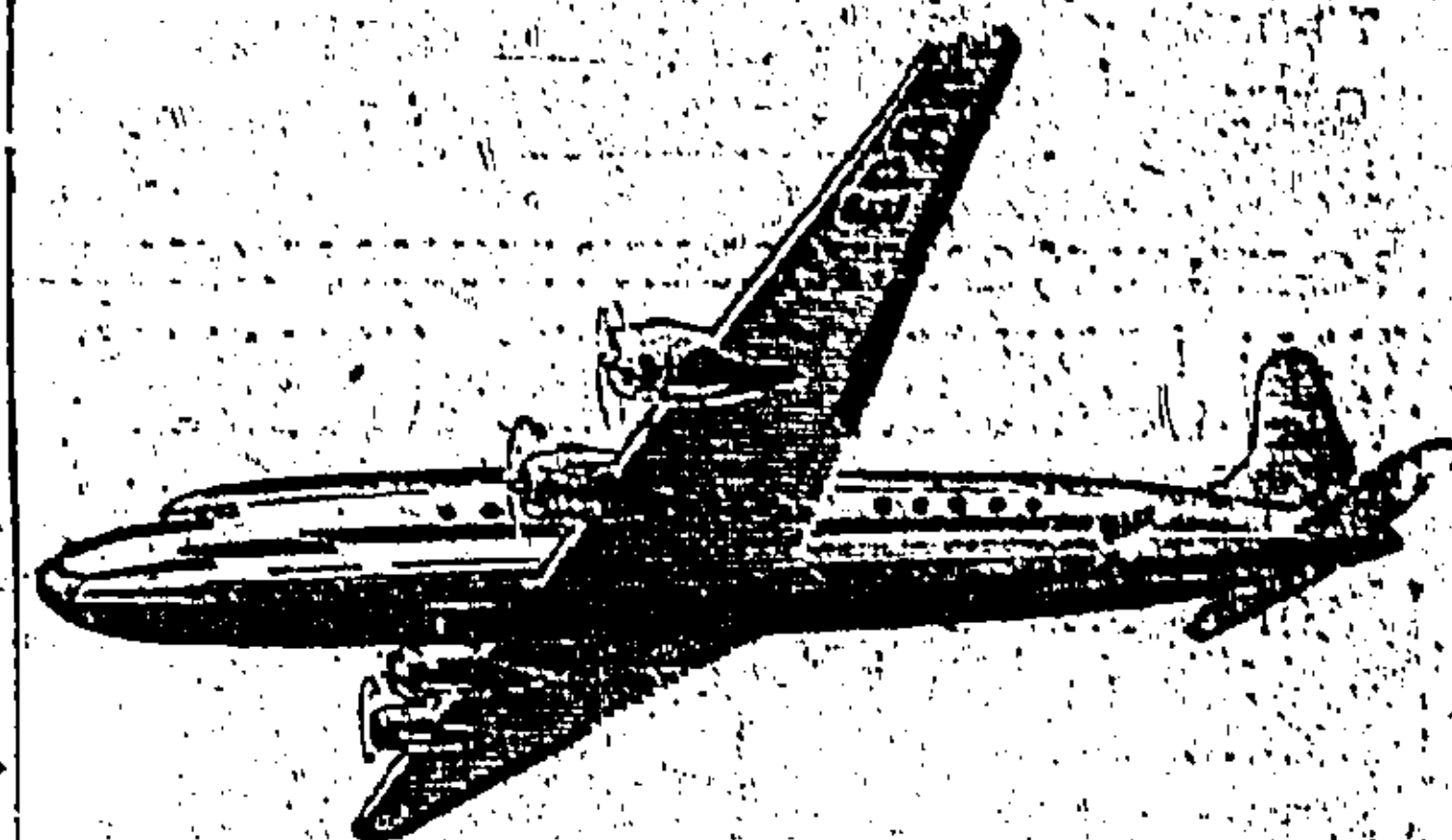
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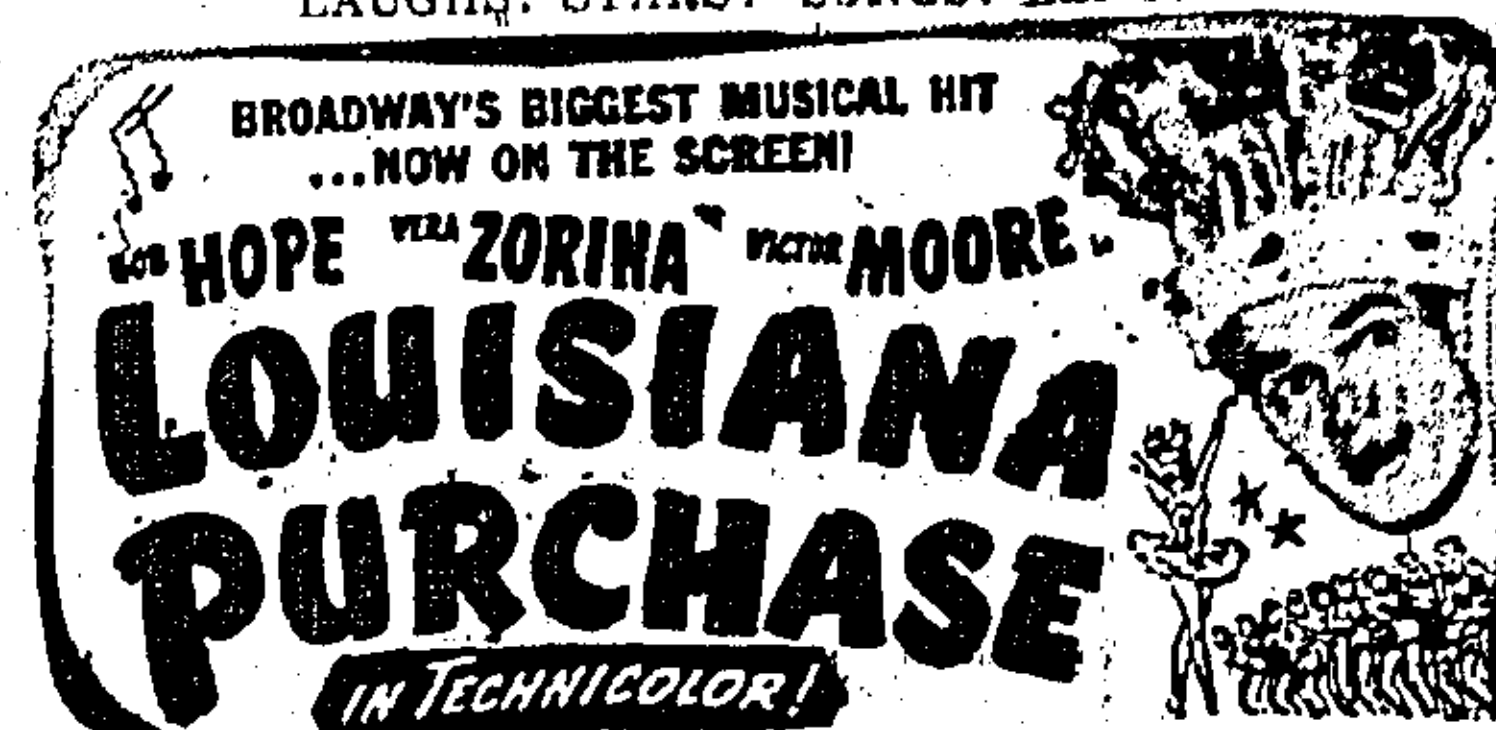
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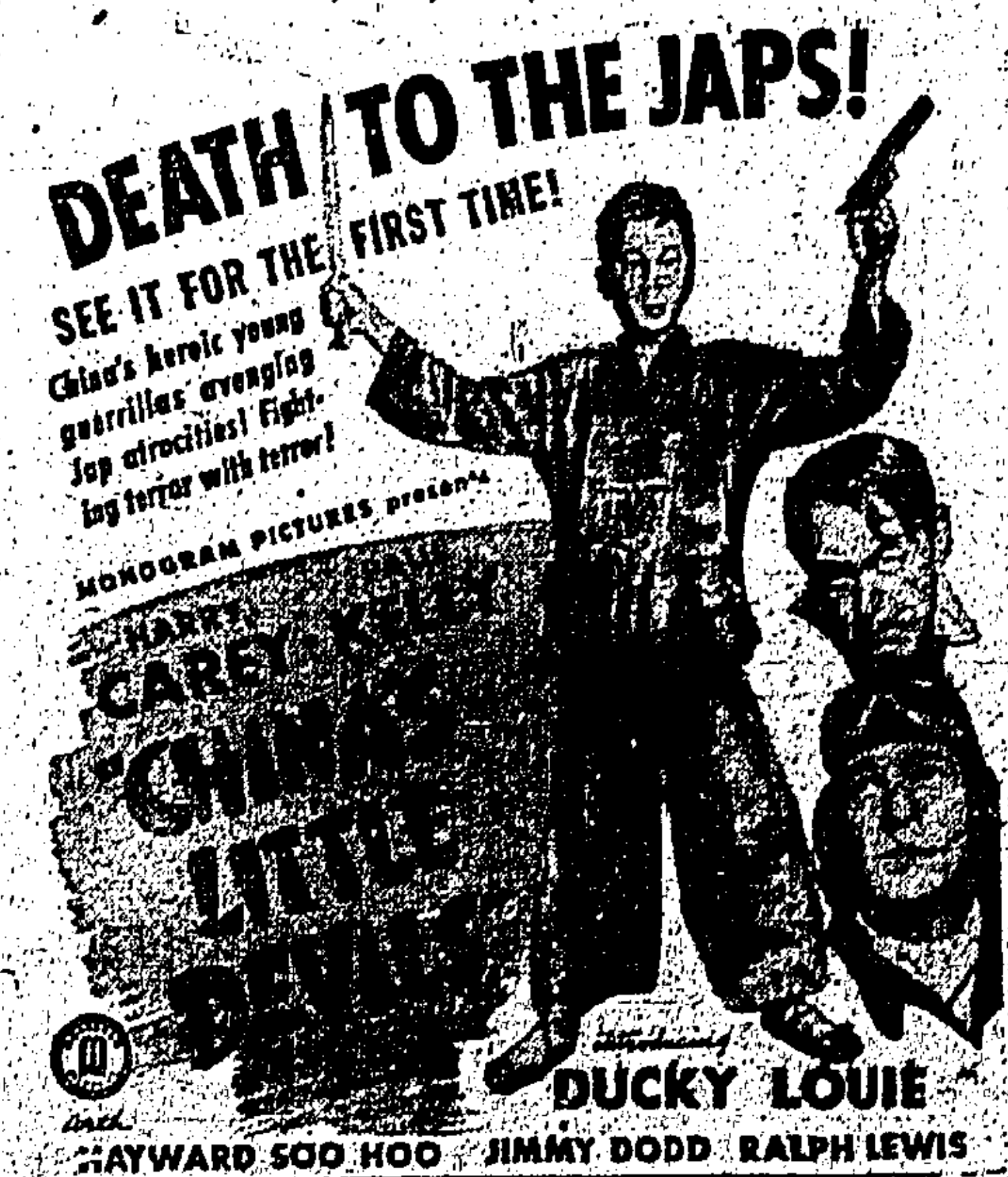
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Lake Success, Jan. 29.
The United Nations Commission on Human Rights today agreed without objection to set up a sub-commission which would point the way to world freedom of information.

The United States proposed that, firstly, the new body be granted power to begin work on an international treaty for worldwide press freedom, and secondly, that the new body map plans for the forthcoming international conference on freedom of information, to be held this year under the terms of the Philippines-sponsored resolution which was approved last month by the General Assembly.

The American proposals ran into difficulties and were not expected to come up for a decisive vote immediately.

The United States delegate and Commission Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wanted an 11-man sub-commission with no more than one representative from each nation. Russia countered with a proposal for a seven-man sub-commission.

Under the United States resolution, freedom of information would not extend to atomic secrets until international controls are effective.

Human Rights

Before the Commission moved to the freedom of information question, Mrs. Roosevelt submitted a detailed U.S. proposal for a world charter of human rights and freedoms. She suggested that the United Nations start

work on a treaty to guarantee all peoples of the world rights like those embodied in the United Nations constitution.

She said the global charter of human rights should include:

(1) personal rights such as freedom of speech, information, religion and property;

(2) procedure rights such as safeguards for men accused of crime;

(3) social rights such as the right to employment and social security and right to enjoy minimum standards of economic, social and cultural well-being;

(4) political rights such as right to citizenship and participation in Government.—United Press.

Singapore, Jan. 29.
General Sir Montagu Stopford, General Officer commanding the Allied land forces in Southeast Asia, leaves for Ceylon tomorrow on a farewell visit to the Ceylon garrison. He will travel in a "York" aircraft.—Reuter.

Dinosaurs' Graveyard

Moscow, Jan. 29.

A graveyard of dinosaurs, described as the largest discovered in the Eastern Hemisphere, has been unearthed in the Gobi Desert. Soviet paleontologists, it was announced here today.

The find includes "dozens" of dinosaurs, tyrannosaurus and other prehistoric carnivorous and herbivorous reptiles, with some skeletons reported to weigh as much as seventy tons, dinosaur eggs and remains of prehistoric crocodiles and lizards.

The expedition, headed by Professor I. Efremov, covered 5,000 miles of Gobi Desert territory.

Besides the huge dinosaur pit near Namagatu, where the main graveyard was discovered in a "natural museum", the expedition found five other pits where excavations have still not been completed.—Reuter.

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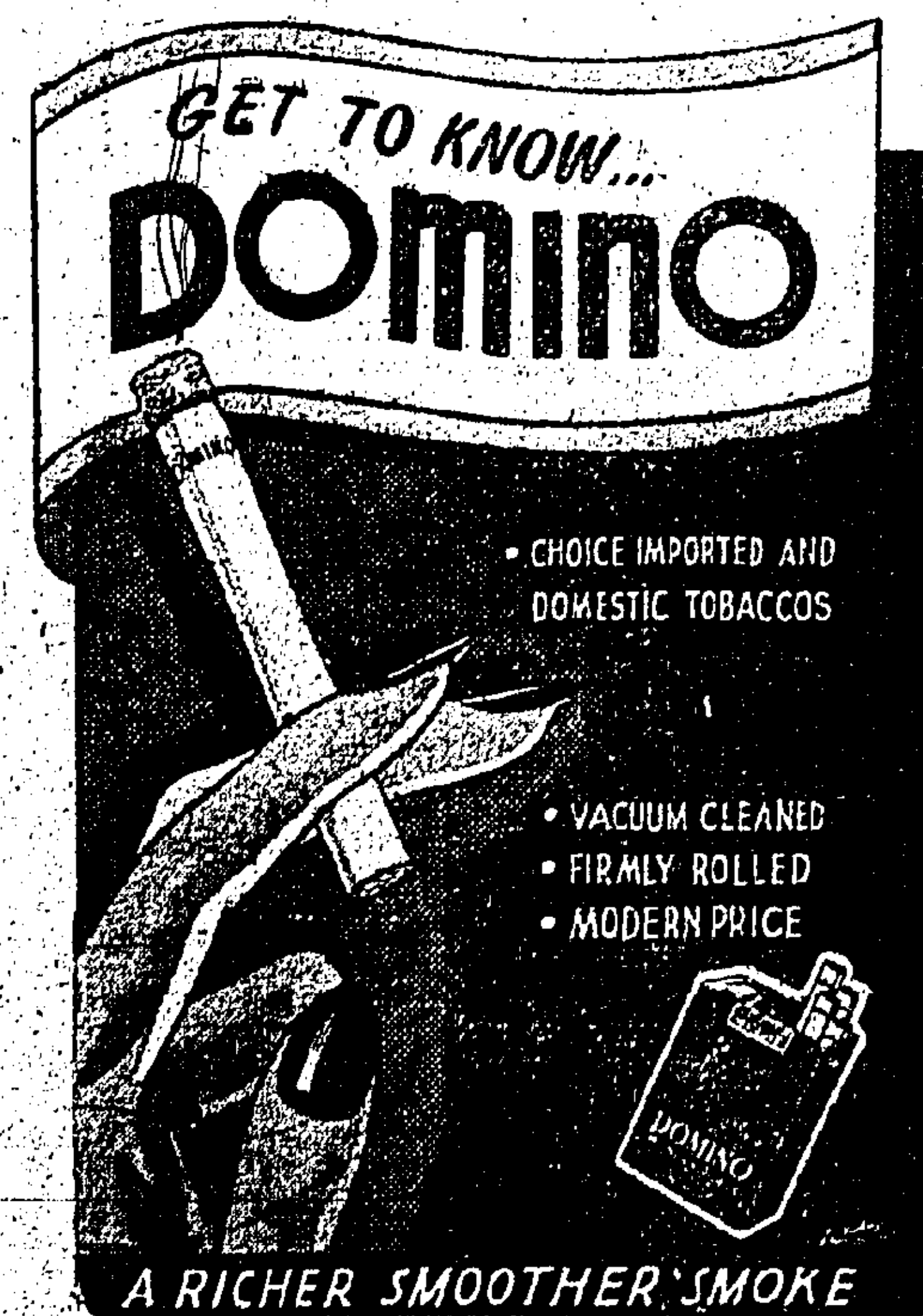
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Favourites Knocked Out Of The Cup

London, Jan. 29.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, favourites to win the Cup before the start of the fourth round, were knocked out of the competition by Sheffield United in the replay at Sheffield today after a hard struggle.

Their defence withstood the furious Sheffield attacks until 12 minutes from time and then wilted to allow the United to score twice in two minutes. Sheffield in the fifth round will travel to Stoke, who today beat gallant little Chester by the odd goal of five.

The Third Division team gave their star-studded opponents many anxious moments. Three down 15 minutes from the end, Chester rallied to score twice.

Had Bolton's attack been equal in quality to their defence they would probably have won their replay with Manchester City. As it was the City scored the one goal of the match in the fourth minute, which qualified them for a visit to Birmingham in the next round.

When the Cup holders, Derby County, lost goal-keeper Grant in the fifth minute of the game with a dislocated elbow, it looked as if the task for Chelsea would be made easier, but winger Broome, who put on the keeper's jersey, repelled every shot that came his way.

Gallant Goalie

Grant, with his elbow reset, resumed on the wing and had a hand in the winning goal scored by Stamps in the ninth minute of extra time. The defence were on top in this hard struggle.

Derby will journey to Liverpool in the next round.

Snow had to be cleared from each of the four grounds today before the start. At Derby it was so thick that 100 men went to work at 6 p.m. and had a race with time to get the pitch ready.

An aggregate of 120,000 watched the four replays. Leicester City and Brentford will replay tomorrow.

Results

Results of matches today were:

F.A. Cup, 4th round replays: Sheffield United 2 Wolves 0, Manchester C. 1 Bolton 0, Stoke 3 Chester 2, Derby 1 Chelsea 0 (after extra time).

English League, First Division:

Everton 1 Liverpool 0, Huddersfield 1 Portsmouth 2, Preston 0 Middlesbrough 1.

Second Division

Luton 3 Notts F. 2.

The draw for the second round of the Scottish soccer Cup matches, being played on Feb. 8, resulted:

Aberdeen v. Ayr, East Fife v. Cumnock, East Stirling.

The remaining 14 clubs have byes.—Reuter.

Extra Race Meeting Entries

The following are the entries for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st.

1st Race—Wellington Handicap.

2nd Race—Randwick Plate.

3rd Race—Blackie, Bright Season, Canary.

4th Race—Randwick Plate.

5th Race—Broadmeadows Handicap.

6th Race—Oakleigh Plate.

7th Race—Moonee Ponds Handicap.

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Dakota Loads To Be Cut

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.

The Copenhagen police announced tonight that the official Danish inquiry into the air crash last Sunday of the KLM Douglas DC-3 (Dakota) at Kastrup, Copenhagen, in which Prince Gustav Adolf and Miss Grace Moore were killed, will begin in public on February 5.

The Danish air authorities were told today that the British European Airways will accept the Danish demand to cut the weight limit of Dakota planes using Danish airfields to 11,450 kilograms. Hamburg will be used in future as an intermediate landing stage.

The British European Airways and private people, my warm and heartfelt thanks for these proofs of cheering compassion in the hard blow which has struck me and my country through the loss of my grandson, on whom I had set my best and most fervent hopes.

Reuter.

Moslems Arrested Again

Lahore, Jan. 29.

Two days after they had been released a number of prominent Moslem League leaders, including Sir Feroz Khan Noon, former High Commissioner in London, were re-arrested by the police early today.

The table of events in Lahore during the past few days is as follows:

Friday—Moslem League National Guard declared illegal and eight Moslem leaders arrested in a police raid on the National Guard offices.

Sunday—The eight leaders released unconditionally with an apology from the Punjab Premier.

Monday—Sir Feroz Khan Noon told a mass meeting of Moslems to "court arrest in their hundreds of thousands and fill the jails of Punjab in protest against the ban on the National Guard and on public meetings."

Tuesday—The Punjab Government withdrew its ban on the National Guard.

Wednesday—Moslem League leaders rounded up once more by the police.

BLACK DAHLIA MURDER

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.

A note which the police believe came from the slayer of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," told detectives the writer had changed his mind about surrendering as promised today because "I am afraid I won't get a fair trial."

Meanwhile, officers were sceptical about confessions given by two men that they had killed and mutilated the girl.—United Press.

Nylon Stockings: No Increase

Found guilty, Chan Shui-ching, proprietress of the Capital Barber Shop, 42 Nathan Road, was fined a total of \$150 when she appeared before Mr. Latimer, at Kowloon, to answer two summonses taken out against her for selling one bottle of Straight-8 Brilantine for \$1 (control price, 80 cents) and failing to affix a price tag.

Defendant pleaded that the bottles seen in her show-window by Miss Cheung Kwan-kit, lady inspector of the S.T.I., and her colleague were not for sale and that the bottle sold to Miss Cheung was sold by mistake by a friend who, noticing a 10-cent duty-paid label on the bottle, asked for \$1. She further pleaded that there was a notice in the window stating that the articles displayed were not for sale.

Her statements were contradicted by the two lady inspectors. A fine of \$100 was imposed on the first count and \$50 on the second.

When Kwan Kan-cheong was summoned for selling a pair of Nylon-51 stockings for \$15, Mr. Latimer asked Inspector Nollth whether it was true that the price of this article had been increased in the United States, and that dealers here are now finding it impossible to sell at the controlled price of \$14 per pair.

Inspector Nollth said that the OPA price in America is between \$1.65 and \$2.25 and that there had been no increase. He assured His Worship that the Price Controller would not have fixed the price at \$14 if the original cost had advanced. Defendant was fined \$50.

Mak Wah, owner of a stall at the junction of Argyle and Shanghai Streets, proffered the excuse that the oranges for \$1.85 (1 lb. 2 oz.) (\$1.25 per lb.) were native oranges and not American fruit, and

CURIOSITY KILLED FOUR

Walton, Indiana, Jan. 30.

Two frightened, fearful youths today claimed their curiosity prompted them to place a pile of wire fencing on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks and derailed a speeding passenger train.

"We just wanted to see what would happen," the youths said.

Four were killed as a result of the wreck on Monday night. Local officials were conferring with the Federal authorities in order to determine whether to prosecute Lytle Graver, 11, and Jack Sprinkle, 12.—United Press.

Shooting Inquest Verdict

Death due to post-operator pneumonia and gunshot wounds in the abdomen was the verdict returned at the inquest yesterday at the Central Magistracy on the body of Tan Sheung by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Dr. John Chan said that deceased was admitted suffering from six perforations on the side. He was operated upon. At the postmortem it was found that the intestines had been perforated in 13 places. Cause of death was pneumonia following operation and gunshot wounds.

Lam Sing, a village elder, said that he had a gun licence and on December 7 last year at 1.15 a.m. he heard a knock at his door. He took his gun and went out. He saw someone running and he shouted him to stop. He fired a shot in the air.

Going some distance he saw a man crouching on the wharf. Witness again shouted to him and fired another shot in the air. The man started to come to him and witness being frightened, fired a third shot. The man ran to the water and started to swim. Witness told him to return lest he be drowned, and he came ashore. The man was wounded and he was taken to the police station.

Wong Tak, at present a prisoner, said that on Dec. 6 he and two others were engaged to load fish at Shaukiwan. On board the sampan he was told that they were loading dynamite on the wharf.

Deceased left the wharf and suddenly a shot was heard and he was wounded on the head.

Lok King-ching said that he was asked by deceased to go and steal dynamite that night. While unloading, he saw deceased go to the elder's door and asked for it to be opened. He heard shots and took the sampan to a shipbuilding yard. He was later arrested.

Phone Call

Nothing further happened until three months later when, at 3 a.m. on Nov. 15, an anonymous letter was received from "Chun Wai," stating that the writer had been to Canton and could not, therefore, "give his full attention to the matter at hand," and asking for \$500, said D/I Williamson, "Chun Wai" invited the addresses to compare the handwriting in that letter with that of the previous ones. The letters TNT were added after the signature, declared the prosecuting officer.

At 10 a.m. the following morning, continued D/I Williamson, a young boy threw a letter on to the counter of the pawnshop. This epistle was handed to Chinese detective Tong Kwong-fat who, after communicating with Shamshuipo Police Station, made arrangements to "twinkle" the writer. Nicholson turned up that day, but at 10.10 a.m. on Nov. 21 Wong Muk-lin, another detective on duty in the pawnshop, answered a telephone call purporting to be from "Chun Wai" who inquired about the matter of the money he asked several days ago.

Wong replied that the shop was prepared to pay the amount, provided that it was the only demand to be made against it, and that the caller could come at any time for the cash.

The Chinese detective then took the party of four to the pawnshop, arranged with the accountant, Lo Wing, to have \$500 ready. Five minutes later, So Yee walked into the shop and, depositing a bundle containing an old Chinese cloth suit on the counter, asked for \$5, alleged D/I Williamson. When the accountant refused the parcel offer of \$2 or \$3, the third accused was alleged to have again handed up the clothing asking, at the same time, for \$500 stating, at the same time, that all arrangements have been made by telephone a short while previous. So was also alleged to have given the name of "Chun Wai."

As rearranged, the accountant began to count out the money while the detective signalled to his colleague. Becoming nervous of the slowness So, it was alleged, told the accountant to "hurry up" and, when this was not complied with, attempted to take the money. He was arrested by the detective and taken to the back to await the arrival of reinforcements from the Police Station.

Blotting Paper

D/I Roberts headed a Police party to the pawnshop at about 10.30 a.m. on the same morning, and were later taken by So to Hong Kong.

Alleged Terrorists In Court

The story of how patient and remarkable Police investigations ultimately resulted in the arrest of three alleged terrorists was unfolded by Det.-Inspector Williamson when Committal proceedings were commenced before Mr. Blair-Kerr at the Kowloon Magistracy against Chan Fai alias Chan Tai-so, Fung Nam, and Yee So, on various charges in connection with demanding money with menaces from the Wah Yik Pawn Shop of No. 149, Nam Cheong Street, Shamshuipo.

Chan was charged with (a) aiding and abetting the uttering of a letter demanding money with menaces; (b) possession of two stick-type hand grenades; (c) possession of one Mills' hand grenade; and (d) counselling and procuring the demand for money with menaces. The charges against Fung were counselling and procuring the demand of money with menaces, and counselling the uttering of a letter demanding money with menaces; while the accusation against Yee was that of demanding money with menaces.

On May 15 last, said D/I Williamson, an explosion took place at 11.45 p.m. at the Wah Yik Pawn Shop in which the heavy iron doors were damaged and two foks inside the shop were injured. Police investigations, conducted by D.S.I. Leslie, revealed that the explosion was caused by explosives and not bombs as no bomb fragments could be found. Prior to that date, the business of the pawnshop had already been sold to another man.

At 8 a.m. on Aug. 15, the Yik, a cook-chole employed by the pawnshop, picked up a letter which had been slipped in between the outer iron doors and the inner wooden doors. He placed this letter on the counter where it was found, and opened, by the accountant, Lo Wing, in the letter signed "Chun Wai," a demand for \$10,000 as compensation to the family of a man who was arrested and sentenced in February was made. Three hours later, said D/I Williamson, a telephone message was received by Lo inquiring whether the letter had been received. The accountant replied in the negative, as the result of which another letter, also signed "Chun Wai," was thrown on to the counter on the following morning by a coolie who immediately dashed away.

In the meantime, a report had been made at Shamshuipo Police Station. Chinese detectives were detailed for duty inside the pawnshop, with instructions to keep tab on all letters and telephone calls.

On the following day a party of Police, again headed by D/I Williamson, went back to No. 169, Taiipo Road, ground floor, where a blotting paper was unearthed after a search. On this blotter were specimens of handwriting which the prosecution would prove were that of Chan and which an expert would testify were identical to that which were found on the letters. The prosecution would further adduce evidence that as the letters were written in So's premises So was aware of the contents of the letters.

On the following day a party of Police, again headed by D/I Williamson, went back to No. 169, Taiipo Road, ground floor and found, inside a clattern in the lavatory at the back, two stick-type of hand grenades and one Mills hand grenade. When he was pulling out the hand grenades, said D/I Williamson, he was advised by one of the Chinese detectives to be careful, but the first defendant told him that it was "quite all right. They are not fuses." On the way back to Shamshuipo Police Station, it was alleged, the first defendant and Ng Kai-sul looked at each other, and that Chan remarked "At least 10 years."

Corroborative evidence were given by Lo Sang, Lo Wing, Tso Yik, and Chinese detectives Chiu Hong, Tong Kwong-fat and Ho Fat, after which hearing was adjourned to 2.15 p.m. on Feb. 3.

LETTERS TO JAPAN

London, Jan. 30.

The Postmaster-General announces that unregistered letters as well as non-illustrated postcards may now be sent to Japan by surface route. The service extends only to the four main islands of Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku and Hokkaido. Business correspondence must be limited to ascertaining facts and exchanging information preparatory to the resumption of trade as soon as conditions permit.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. also on 9.52 megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 1.00 p.m.—Variety. 1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. 1.15 p.m.—Piano Duet by Morton and Kaye. 1.30 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Viola) His Orchestra and Gino Grano (Vocal). 2.00 p.m.—Close Home. 2.30 p.m.—Benny Goodman and His Sextette. 2.45 p.m.—Commentary on the Test Match. 3.00 p.m.—Studio: "Boys and Girls Association"—A Short Talk. 3.30 p.m.—London Relay: News. 3.40 p.m.—London Relay: News. 3.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 4.00 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 4.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 4.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 4.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 4.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 4.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 5.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 5.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 5.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 5.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 5.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 5.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 6.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 6.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 6.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 6.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 6.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 6.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 7.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 7.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 7.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 7.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 7.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 7.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 8.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 8.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 8.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 8.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 8.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 9.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 9.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 9.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 9.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 9.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 10.10 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 10.20 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 10.30 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 10.40 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 10.50 p.m.—Studio: "You asked for it"—Variety, Request Programme. 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

CHINESE CLASSICAL DRAMA IN ENGLISH

THE SPOILED PRINCESS

WAI YAM COLLEGE THEATRE

ON FEBRUARY 5, 6, 7, 8

8 p.m.

TICKETS at KING'S THEATRE

Colman, Dispersed, Bathing, Pacific, sunbathing